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Annotations

1. Opening of the International Meeting

The International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States will be convened at the Mauritius Conference Centre at Pailles, Port Louis, on Monday, 10 January 2005, and will be opened by the Secretary-General of the International Meeting.

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2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting (A/CONF.207/2) provides that it shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the International Meeting decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.207/2) were approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/213 A.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.207/2)

4. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the International Meeting shall elect, from among the representatives of participating States, a President and 14 Vice-Presidents, from among which shall be selected a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officers shall be elected with a view to ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The International Meeting may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

5. Adoption of the agenda: accreditation of intergovernmental organizations and major groups

The provisional agenda as set out in the present document and the requests for accreditation as observers to the International Meeting and its preparatory meeting of non-governmental organizations and other major groups were approved by the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting at its meeting held in New York from 14 to 16 April 2004.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting (A/CONF. 207/3)

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee

In its resolutions 58/213 A and B, the General Assembly decided to convene the International Meeting and urged representation and participation at the highest possible level. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting, which met from 14 to 16 April 2004, had before it the provisional organization of work for the International Meeting (E/CN.17/2004/L.3). In accordance with those suggestions, it is recommended that the International Meeting consider the following provisional organization of work:

Plenary

The plenary will commence with the opening of the International Meeting. It will proceed to the consideration of organizational matters, as required, including the election of the President and other officers, the adoption of the agenda and organization of work, and the report of the Credentials Committee. Also, in view of the time constraint and organization of work, it is advisable that these be followed by the statements of representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes and of intergovernmental organizations, as well as the report of the Civil Society Forum.

Main Committee

The Main Committee and its working groups, if any, will meet to consider all outstanding matters relating to the draft outcome documents of the International Meeting.

High-level segment

The high-level segment will focus on a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action. Prior to the high-level segment, special events, including panel discussions, will be organized, focusing on issues of concern to small island developing States. During the high-level segment, round tables will be held in parallel with the plenary debate, if necessary.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee (A/CONF.207/4)

7. **Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting**

(a) **Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee**

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the International Meeting and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-ninth session, which consisted of the following Member States: Benin, Bhutan, China, Ghana, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America, and Uruguay.

(b) **Report of the Credentials Committee**

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the International Meeting without delay.

8. Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Statements by representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes and of intergovernmental organizations, and reports of the Civil Society Forum

On Monday, 10 January 2005, after the opening of the International Meeting after its consideration of organizational matters, the International Meeting will consider statements by the representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes and of intergovernmental organizations, as well as the report of the Civil Society Forum, under agenda item 8.

High-level segment

The high-level segment, which will be held during the plenary on 13 and 14 January 2005, will consider agenda item 8, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".

9. Adoption of the final outcomes of the International Meeting

The Main Committee of the International Meeting will approve the draft outcomes of the International Meeting and recommend them for adoption by the International Meeting.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/CONF.207/L.1)

10. Adoption of the report of the Conference

The International Meeting will adopt a report on its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General of the International Meeting and presented to the International Meeting for its approval.

11. Closure of the International Meeting